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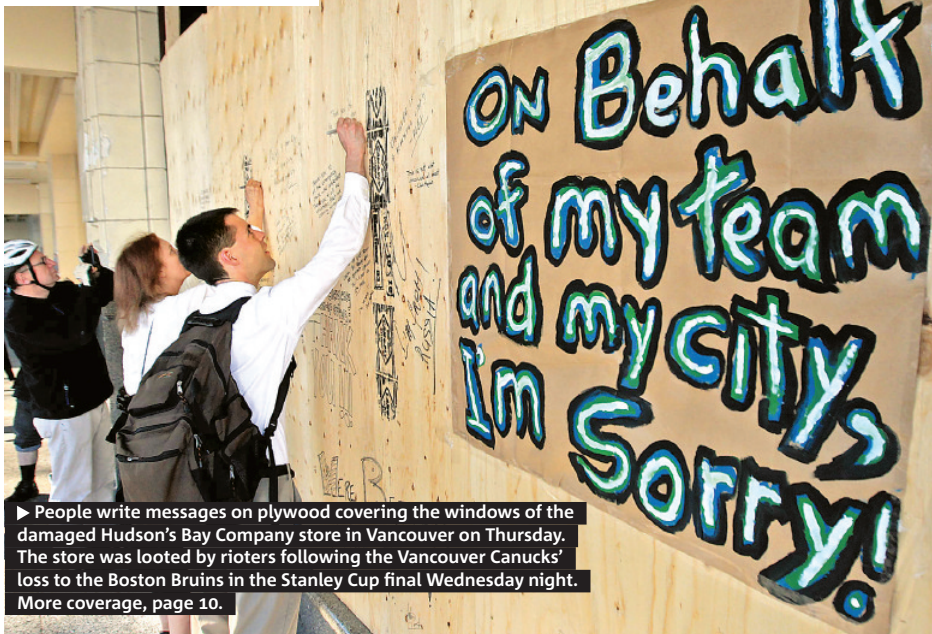
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News worth sharing

Riot. Fallout



► People write messages on plywood covering the windows of the damaged Hudson's Bay Company store in Vancouver on Thursday. The store was looted by rioters following the Vancouver Canucks' loss to the Boston Bruins in the Stanley Cup final Wednesday night. More coverage, page 10.

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Vancouver cleaning up reputation

Surge seen in hoarding

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'We should be a contender'

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Cup 'means so much': Marchand

► Hammonds Plains forward finished playoffs
tied for 6th in scoring with 11 goals, 19 points



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As Kevin Marchand speaks late Thursday afternoon about the experience of watching his son win the Stanley Cup, Brad Marchand is fast asleep in a nearby room.

And a well-deserved rest it is. "He did say about a week or so ago his body was aching from head to toe," Kevin said by phone from Brad's apartment in Boston. "No injuries, just sore."

Marchand has good reason for being beat — and it's not just because he was up all night Wednesday celebrating with his teammates after the Boston Bruins won the Stanley Cup by defeating the Vancouver Canucks 4-0.

For two months the 23-year-old Hammonds Plains forward played a key role in Boston's playoff run, with his efforts culminating in

**"I'm just very proud.
Very, very proud."**

**KEVIN MARCHAND, ON HIS SON BRAD
BEING A STANLEY CUP CHAMPION**

arguably his best game of the post-season, a two-goal, one-assist performance in Game 7.

"I'm just so happy to be part of it," he told reporters after the win. "I don't think people realize what we had to go through to get here and to win this. It just means so much to all of us."

The same holds true for Marchand's family. His parents and three siblings were on hand in Vancouver for Game 7, and celebrated with him after the game both on the ice and in the dressing room.

"It was just unbelievable," Kevin said. "The champagne was flying everywhere."

Parade planning underway {page 3}



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► Brad Marchand of the Boston Bruins celebrates in the locker-room after defeating the Vancouver Canucks in Game 7 of the Stanley Cup final Wednesday in Vancouver.

Enough already — bring the cup home

► Organizing already underway for Stanley Cup parade in Hammonds Plains for Brad Marchand



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The cup is won — now let's see it.

Residents and politicians alike in HRM are clamouring for a Stanley Cup parade this summer in Hammonds Plains — the home of Bruins forward Brad Marchand.

Hammonds Plains Coun. Peter Lund said he's working on organizing such an event. He received several emails on Thursday from eager constituents.

"How we get him and the cup here is yet to be seen," said Lund.

But it will likely resemble Sidney Crosby's victory

"I'm getting direction from the premier's staff, from the deputy premier in particular, that in all press conferences and scrums I must keep my teeth in."

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ous parade through Cole Harbour on Aug. 7, 2009, which drew around 50,000 people.

Congratulations to Marchand and his family poured in Thursday. Transportation Minister and hardcore Bruins fan Bill Estabrooks was bursting with pride when

he talked to reporters.

"I'm happy for him, proud for the Marchand family, proud for his grandparents," said Estabrooks, whose game-watching ritual involved taking out his teeth and plunking them into his beer.

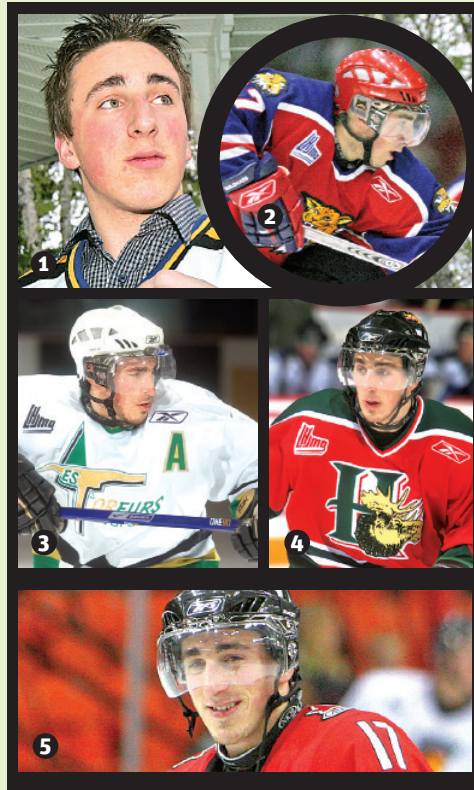
"It's a great day for the Marchands and Brad certainly worked hard."

He said it's far too early to tell if Marchand will get an Order of Nova Scotia like Crosby.

Mat Whynott, MLA for Hammonds Plains, said Marchand is a great role model.

"I look forward to celebrating his win with our community," he said in a release.

On the road to the NHL: Brad Marchand

PHOTOS:
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- 1 Piled up 94 points in 60 games with Dartmouth Subways major midgets in 2003-04; second-round pick of Moncton Wildcats in QMJHL draft.
- 2 Spent two seasons with Moncton (2004-2006), winning a QMJHL title and going to the Memorial Cup at age 17.
- 3 Traded to Val-d'Or for Luc Bourdon and helped the Foreurs to the QMJHL final in 2007 with 40 points in 20 playoff games.
- 4 Traded to his hometown Mooseheads, and despite 19 points in 14 playoff games, was benched for final contest of disappointing semifinal loss.
- 5 Won back-to-back gold medals at the 2007 and 2008 IIHF world junior championships, scoring six goals and adding two assists in 13 games.

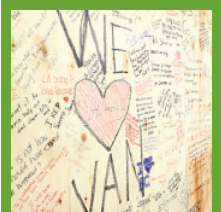
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Waterfront group seeks your feedback on designs

► Provincial Crown corporation holds second public information session on second waterfront development ► Public can submit comments until July 14

Cunard Lot

► The concepts for the Cunard Lot development can be found at my-waterfront.ca/cunard/index.php.

► Each design features ground-level retail and residential space, and public open space around the building.

► The Waterfront group retained a team led by Lydon Lynch Architects to help in the development of the concepts for sites.



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The head of Waterfront Development Corporation Limited says a somewhat unconventional public consultation process seems to be working.

Colin MacLean was at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic on Thursday night to unveil a concept for what WDCL calls the "Cunard Lot" — a parking lot bordered by Bishop's Landing and the new Nova Scotia Power building on Lower Water Street.

Two variations on the development were unveiled during the public open house, both mixed-

use residential and commercial. One included a large office tower, the other a large apartment complex.

MacLean and WDCL are looking to engage the public at the front end of the development and encouraging feedback on their website.

"Things go wrong in the city and in consultation when people are brought in at the end of the process," said MacLean.

It was the second such public information session in as many weeks. Last week, three design firms squared off with three different ideas for the cable wharf at the foot of George Street.

"(Feedback has) been really, really active," said MacLean.

"The amount of activity on our website was enormous. Feedback has been coming in ... People are interested in that particular site."

The Cunard Lot is somewhat further along in the development stage than the cable wharf — MacLean said WDCL knows what should be built there, but not what variation.

"This will be one that will be more actively sought by the neighbours in the area, the people who use the boardwalk, who are interested in the public spaces," he said.



► The two proposed design concepts for the Cunard Lot on the Halifax waterfront, with Option A above.

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Animal hoarding on the rise: SPCA

- Breeding season causing boom in animal population
- SPCA says not enough money for investigations



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Animal hoarding in the region has never been worse, the Nova Scotia SPCA says.

Kristin Williams, the executive director, said Thursday that the agency is getting about three complaints a week from people reporting animal hoarding, with some cases involving more than 20 animals.

She said the SPCA is the only agency in the province that deals with the issue and resources are few.

"The trend of hoarding is increasing every year and the resources that address hoarding haven't changed."

"We're a charity that relies on donor dollars to do our work."

KRISTIN WILLIAMS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, NOVA SCOTIA SPCA

The SPCA gets \$3,000 a year from the province to deal with the issue, but investigations cost about \$500,000 per year.

"What we really need is not only financial support for our ongoing work, but because of the complexity of hoarding, we also need support from other agencies and government."

Recently, the SPCA investigated a case in Halifax in which a person had 54 cats,

all living in a one-bedroom apartment. She said animal hoarders typically do not realize they are causing harm to the animals and themselves.

"These are complex cases," Williams said. "We often encounter mental illness, addiction and economic barriers."

"We're dealing with animals and people who need our help, and right now there's just not enough resources out there ... to address the problem."

Williams said cats are reproducing at an alarming rate, noting 30 of the 54 cats residing in the Halifax apartment were born within the past three months.

Lowering. The bar



► Anne Calder, a former Halifax lawyer convicted of smuggling drugs into the Central Nova Correctional Facility in Burnside last year, will be sentenced on Friday at Nova Scotia Supreme Court in Halifax.

KRISTIE PIERCE/FOR METRO

Calder to learn her fate

Anne Calder was convicted in early March on two charges of possession with the purpose of trafficking and a single charge of trafficking.

Minister aware of warning from pharmacists

Health Minister Maureen MacDonald says she's aware some pharmacists in the province are telling customers they won't be able to fill prescriptions as of July 1. MacDonald was responding to rumours Thursday that residents may find their Pharmacare cards won't be accepted because talks with pharmacists broke down.

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Bill 17, the Fair Drug Pricing Act, would give the province the power to limit rebates paid to pharmacies by generic drug companies.

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Province to launch gambling study

► New study to cover same topics as shelved gambling report ► Wilson doesn't rule out using some of old report



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Two years after scrapping the Anielski report, the province is commissioning another study into the socioeconomic impact of gambling in Nova Scotia.

But Communities, Culture and Heritage Minister Dave Wilson said it could take up to a year before knowing how long such a study will take.

Wilson said the government is committed to a "proper, well-founded" study into gambling and its effects.

The report will be handled by the Nova Scotia Health Research Foundation, an arms-length body under the Department of Health.



"I would hope that within the next year, we'll have more of a picture of a timeline on the research."

DAVID WILSON

Wilson said the initiative is in a time of transition, with staff moving from the Nova Scotia Gaming Awareness Foundation to the Health Research Foundation. As such, no timeline or further details on the content of the report are available.

"When that transition is

finished, and when we have the details on the study, we'll release them to the people of Nova Scotia," Wilson said Thursday, adding he hopes to have the pieces in place in a year.

The province scrapped the Anielski report in late 2009. According to Labour Minister Marilyn More, the government had concerns with some of the methodology used in consultant Mark Anielski's draft report.

Complying with a recommendation from the province's freedom of information officer, More released a heavily annotated version of the report, pointing out flaws. The report said gambling is linked to about six deaths a year in Nova Scotia.

Postal. Strike



► Post office workers were again out on the picket line outside Canada Post headquarters in Halifax on Thursday.

ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The end could be near for picketers

Regular mail delivery could resume as early as next week due to federal back-to-work legislation, after Canada Post locked out workers and suspended urban delivery across the country. More coverage, page 21.

Firefighters head to Alberta

Nova Scotia's Department of Natural Resources is sending 21 more firefighters to Alberta to assist with the high number of forest

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The crew will leave Halifax on Sunday for a two-week assignment.

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Pump pain fuelling change

86% making adjustments due to high gas prices, but overall evolution in habits is slow: Survey

BY THE NUMBERS

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The price at the pump is hurting us in the pocket-book — and most HRM residents are

making adjustments because of it.

In a recent survey, 71 per cent of HRM residents said they are cutting back spending in other areas to accommodate the rising price of gas.

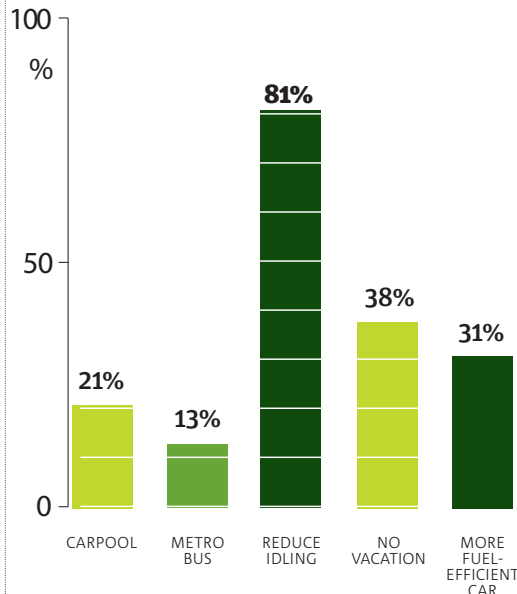
The survey shows Haligonians are also trying new things to get around town — at least on an experimental basis.

Thirteen per cent said they tried public transportation for the first time within the past six months, while 21 per cent were first-time carpoolers.

A whopping 85 per cent also said they were using their car less often.

It also appears our vacation planning is about to take a hit because of the pump price, with 38 per cent indicating they

Which of the following, if any, have you done in the last six months to counter the price of gas?



will not take a travel vacation in 2011.

Another 50 per cent noted they are likely to take a shorter vacation or one closer to home.

Despite the fact that most are making only minor adjustments in the scheme of things, 54 per cent say they are trying to

Methodology

The survey had a sample size of 510 HRM residents and carries a margin of error of 4.8 per cent.

plan their driving better and organize trips for shopping and recreation



Drivers in HRM are paying about 25 cents more for gas per litre than they were one year ago.

more efficiently.

Our car-buying behaviour is also impacted by gas prices. Of those of us who have purchased or leased a new car in the past year, 31 per cent say that they opted for a more fuel-efficient model.

Finally, 44 per cent felt they would adjust their

driving habits more in the next year to deal with the rising cost of gas.

Rick Emberley is senior counsel at Marketquest-Omnifacts, an Atlantic Canada research firm. He has conducted public opinion research in the region for over 25 years.

N.S. won't fund MS treatment just yet: Minister

Nova Scotia's health minister says there are no plans to follow New Brunswick's lead and begin funding the costs of the so-called liberation therapy for multiple sclerosis patients.

New Brunswick announced Wednesday that patients can receive funds to help cover the costs of medical services including liberation treatment outside the province.

Nova Scotia Health Minister Maureen MacDonald said Thursday that her department will wait for stronger evidence before considering a similar move.

MacDonald says the province wants to see research showing that the treatment would be effective and would not pose any health risks to patients.

Recent studies have cast doubt on whether the treatment, which involves widening constricted neck veins to improve blood flow from the brain, actually benefits patients with MS.

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News in brief

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► Scott Burke

Producer to leave theatre

EASTERN FRONT. There was a mix of sad and happy

news from the Eastern Front Theatre on Thursday.

The Dartmouth playhouse announced the departure of artistic producer Scott Burke and unveiled its 2011-12 season. Burke will step down in the fall.

"It's been an honour and a privilege to steward the company for the last six years," he said in a statement. "It's never an easy decision to move on, but the time is right for both me and Eastern Front."

Highlights of the coming season include the world-premiere musical The Passion of Adèle Hugo, and the 19th annual SuperNova Theatre Festival.

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Walk/run for prostate cancer

AWARENESS. For Father's Day, why not raise awareness about prostate cancer?

On Sunday, HRM residents are invited to participate in the Safeway Father's Day Walk/Run for Prostate Cancer.

Hosted by Prostate Cancer Canada, Halifax is one of 12 cities across the country hosting an event to raise money and awareness about the most common form of cancer to affect men.

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Vancouver sets ugly new standard

► One official says violence worse than 1994 ► City police, mayor and British Columbia's premier vow to get tough on rioters



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Vancouver has outdone itself.

Seemingly living under the shadow of the city's 1994 Stanley Cup riots for 17 years, hooligans and vandals set an ugly new standard Wednesday night as chaos engulfed the city following the Canucks' Game 7 loss to the Boston Bruins.

When all was said and done, 15 cars had been torched, nearly 100 people had been arrested, scores of people had been sent to hospitals, dozens of storefronts had been smashed and looted, and firefighters had respond-

ed to 387 incidents throughout the city.

One man wearing a Boston Bruins jersey was seriously injured after falling off an overpass.

Vancouver police Chief Jim Chu said there were about three times as many rioters wreaking havoc downtown than in 1994.

"I was out in '94 and I've seen more damage ... than in '94," said Murray Wightman, manager of city operations, Thursday morning in the aftermath of the riot.

Investigators are reviewing video and photographic evidence from the public to identify suspects.



► Riot police walk by as a man and woman kiss Wednesday night in Vancouver.

RICH LAM/GETTY IMAGES

Volunteers take time to clean city, reputation

Embarrassment and anger over the Stanley Cup riot brought volunteers to Vancouver's downtown Thursday in a massive effort to clean the city's streets and its soiled reputation.

"I'm clearing up other people's mess," said volunteer Annabel Heath. "I'm from the U.K. and this is my safe place. It shouldn't be ruined by

other people being stupid."

Tim McMillan with the department of sanitation provided volunteers with equipment.

"It sounds like close to 1,000 people showed up, and the city is as clean as I've ever seen it," he said. "I think this really shows what the city's made of and what kind of character it has."



JENNIFER GAUTHIER/FOR METRO

► Plywood covering the destroyed windows of the Bay in Vancouver became an impromptu shrine on Thursday.

Nearby, plywood sheets covering the destroyed windows of the Bay became an impromptu shrine to the city's regret and outrage.

"I just wrote that today is the real Vancouver," said Claudia McNeilly. "Everyone who is really from Vancouver is getting together and trying to rebuild what a few people ruined." • DAVID PROCTOR

Helping out

► **Homeless:** With many homeless visitors expressing outrage over the riot on Wednesday night, the First United Church organized a group of homeless cleaning volunteers the following day.

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Medicinal marijuana growers going to pot?

► Responders can't tell difference between legal, illegal grow-ops

The federal government is poised to tighten the rules on medical marijuana so that only licensed private operators are allowed to grow it, The Canadian Press has learned.

Sources say Health Minister Leona Aglukkaq wants to take individuals and Health Canada out of the business of growing pot.

Instead, she wants to tender licences to the private sector to produce marijuana in a way that is similar to how conventional drugs are produced.

The move is a response to complaints from mayors, police and firefighters — mainly in British Columbia.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Background

- About 10,000 people have prescriptions for medical marijuana in Canada.
- About 3,400 licences have been issued to grow the plants — two-thirds of them in Ontario and British Columbia.
- B.C. mayors have been asking Health Canada to change the medical marijuana rules to require municipal permits.
- Mayors say licences to cultivate medical marijuana have been given out without informing local authorities.



► Minister of Health Leona Aglukkaq



► Senator Raymond Lavigne, left, walks with his wife Carmen Robichaud as he arrives at the Ottawa courthouse.

Former senator heading to prison

Former senator Raymond Lavigne rose from humble beginnings as a deliveryman's son to one of the loftiest jobs in the country.

But once entrusted with helping make Canada's laws, the disgraced former Liberal is now facing jail time for breaking them.

Lavigne was sentenced Thursday to six months in jail and six months of house arrest for fraud and

breach of trust.

He arrived in court in a dark suit, telling the audience and the judge before his punishment was handed down: "I am not guilty ... The process wasn't fair or just."

But 45 minutes later he was trading his suit for a simple T-shirt, muttering again under his breath that justice had not been done. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Number sense is child's play

► U.S. study involving babies presents evidence that numerical abilities are innate, though approximate

At six months of age, babies might not know how to express themselves through language but it turns out they have an innate knack for numbers, a new study suggests.

Researchers at Johns Hopkins University found that infants were able to recognize whether the number of happy faces shown on a computer screen matched a number of sound tones played to the infants just before they were shown the images.

In one experiment, babies were played four sound tones and then shown four happy faces on a computer screen. The procedure was then repeated, but instead of four happy faces appearing on screen, which would have corresponded to the

"When I take a quick look at lineups in the grocery store, I don't count how many people are lining up, but I get a gut sense of the number. That's what babies are doing ... They have not yet learned to count, they cannot represent numbers precisely, but they can form these gut, intuitive numerical estimations."

LISA FEIGENSON, LEAD AUTHOR OF THE STUDY

number of beeps, the researchers showed the babies eight happy faces.

"What we found was that babies looked significantly longer at the mismatch, as though they were surprised, as though they were expecting to see four things because they had just heard four sounds," said Lisa Feigenson, a professor of psychological and brain sciences at Johns Hop-

kins University and lead author of the study.

Researchers conducted experiments with 24 babies, all of whom were within about one week of being six months old. Feigenson said the age limit was imposed partly to control for linguistic development, which would be more advanced in older infants.

The results suggest that



► Ron Mueck's Big Baby sculpture appears to look at a visitor to the Masterpieces Exhibition at Christie's on June 13 in London, England. Researchers at Johns Hopkins University suggest that infants have a knack for numbers and can perform rapid estimations.

infants are able to perform rapid estimations akin to adults who view two check-out lines at a grocery store before deciding which one to join.

But there are limits to this ability. The researchers found that unless the num-

ber of happy faces was at least twice as large as the number of sound tones the babies heard, the infants could not distinguish the numerical difference. Such results show that our innate numerical abilities are approximate, Feigenson

said.

The ultimate goal of the experiments, she said, is to determine if this early ability to recognize numerical differences is the foundation of human mathematical abilities.

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Three charged in Alberta immigration scam

RCMP have charged an Orthodox priest and two other people in an immigration scam in which foreign workers were allegedly lured to Alberta with false promises and fake student visas.

Police say they were then sent out to work for meagre pay while the perpetrators netted more than \$1 million in profit.

The Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada has re-

lieved Father John Lipinski of his duties at parish communities in St. Paul and Bonnyville, northeast of Edmonton.

"We were a little taken back by it," Chancellor Father Victor Lakusta said Thursday from Winnipeg.

Defence lawyer Robert Davidson said Lipinski plans to fight the charges, but not the church.

"Mr. Lipinski is of the opinion that it would be in-

appropriate to continue to serve as a priest with these allegations facing him," Davidson said. "He does not want to bring embarrassment upon either the church or his congregation. He's a principled person."

On Monday, immigration and passport officers charged Lipinski, 43, his wife Angela, 42, and Calvin Steinhauer, 38, of Goodfish Lake, Alta. They are accused of using improper immigra-

tion documents and organizing entry into Canada by threat, deception or fraud — charges under the Immigration and Refugee Protec-

tion Act. They all face an additional criminal charge of possessing the proceeds of crime.

They are to appear in

Allegations

- The workers were allegedly promised they could legally work in Canada and after six months bring their families here.
- They signed work contracts

stating that, if breached, they could be fined \$25,000 and deported, said RCMP.

- They were also told, very explicitly, not to discuss their wages or the arrangements of how they came to be in Canada, police say.

provincial court in Edmonton on July 25.

Lipinski and Steinhauer were both listed as directors of the now-defunct Kihew Energy Services, which operated from a post office box in Goodfish Lake.

RCMP Sgt. Patrick Webb said the company recruited welders and machinists from Poland and the Ukraine through newspaper ads and a website.

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CF-18 jet fighters strike Tripoli

► Canadian military says bombing runs targeted command-and-control elements of Gadhafi's forces

Canadian warplanes have bombed the Libyan capital of Tripoli.

A Canadian Forces spokesman confirms that CF-18 jet fighters took part in four days of targeted strikes last weekend.

But the spokesman could not say whether any of the strikes came close to hitting Libyan dictator Moammar Gadhafi.

The Canadian jets were involved in day and night raids on Tripoli, which has recently been the focus of more intense NATO bombing.

They struck at depots

6 Canada has six fighter jets taking part in the NATO-led bombardment enforcing a United Nations resolution to protect civilians from Gadhafi.

housing armoured vehicles in an attempt to degrade Gadhafi's command-and-control structures.

The latest NATO strike near Gadhafi's compound rattled windows across the heart of the capital, producing thunderous concussions and smoke billowing into the air.

NATO launched its air campaign nearly three months ago under a United Nations resolution to protect civilians. What started as a peaceful uprising inside the country against Gadhafi and his more than four-decade rule has become a civil war.

Fighting between government forces and the rebels had reached a stalemate until last week, when NATO launched the heaviest bombardment of Gadhafi forces since the alliance took control of the skies over Libya.

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Diplomatic efforts heat up in Libya

Renewed diplomatic efforts to halt Libya's civil war appeared to be gaining momentum Thursday as thunderous NATO airstrikes once again hammered Moammar Gadhafi's stronghold of Tripoli.

Officials in the capital say they are open to international efforts that would bring an end to four

months of fighting between forces loyal to the longtime leader and rebels who control the eastern third of the country along with pockets in the west.

But they insist that Gadhafi will not bow to international pressure to push him aside.

"We don't accept anything that may be done against him. He is a red

line in our discussions," Prime Minister al-Baghdadi al-Mahmoudi said. Any deal that would partition the country is also unacceptable, he added.

One of Gadhafi's sons told an Italian newspaper that while his father would not seek exile, elections under international supervision could offer a way out. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Gunshot victim leaves hospital

► Release marks new milestone in Rep. Giffords' recovery from shooting ► Intensive therapy to continue

A U.S. congresswoman who was shot in the head in January has moved into her husband's suburban Houston home, beginning a new phase in her recovery that will allow her to blend daily trips to the hospital with a more routine family life.

Rep. Gabrielle Giffords' departure Wednesday from Houston's TIRR Memorial Hermann indicates she has made enough progress in her recovery from a devastating gunshot wound to be released from the hospital. But she still has a long, arduous journey ahead of her.

She struggles to speak and walk, and will continue daily, intensive therapy for months, and possibly years. Whether she will ever recover enough to resume her congressional duties is still unknown.

"Anyone who knows Gabby knows that she loves being outside. Living and working in a rehab facility for five months straight has been especially challenging for her."

MARK KELLY, GIFFORDS' HUSBAND

Yet doctors, her astronaut husband Mark Kelly and experts who have been observing Giffords' recovery emphasize that going home is a key milestone and could help stimulate her progress.

"Anyone who knows Gabby knows that she loves being outside," Kelly said in a statement re-



leased by the hospital. "Living and working in a rehab facility for five months straight has been especially challenging for her."

Giffords will still go to the hospital each day where she will participate in speech, music, physical and occupational therapy

with the same team that has treated her since she arrived in Houston in late January.

Now, however, at the end of each day "she will be with her family," Kelly said.

The congresswoman moved to Kelly's home in League City, a suburb near

the Johnson Space Center, where she has 24-hour help from a home-care assistant.

The 41-year-old was shot in the left side of the brain, the part that controls speech and communication, on Jan. 8 while meeting with constituents in Tucson, Ariz. Six people were killed and 13 wounded in the attack, including the lawmaker and members of her staff.

Her release from the hospital was met with excitement.

"When I went home from the hospital after surgery, I was so nervous, but boy it's wonderful to be home in your own surroundings, to be able to have things on your own schedule," said Ron Barber, a staffer who also survived the shooting.

"I'm sure it'll be uplift-

ing and healing for her, too," he said.

Jordan Grafman, director of the Traumatic Brain Injury Research Laboratory at the Kessler Foundation Research Center in West Orange, N.J., said being around family often motivates patients. He warned, however, that the congresswoman is far from healed and has a lifetime of recovery ahead of her.

"Often, you can do many things for yourself but not everything, that's not unusual after a severe traumatic brain injury," Grafman said, explaining why she would need professional help at home. "It's not unusual to be released before complete independence and you may never achieve complete independence."

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Congressman resigns over lewd Twitter pictures

► Anthony Weiner, 46, took a leave of absence, retreating to a treatment facility after scandal broke last week
► Party pressured him to step down

U.S. congressman Anthony Weiner announced his resignation Thursday, done in by lewd photos he took of himself, sent to women online and then lied about after being caught.

Party leaders have been pressing him to resign so that Democrats could resume positioning themselves for the 2012 election campaign without constant criticism from Republicans on moral grounds.

"I make this apology to my neighbours and my constituents, but I make it particularly to my wife," he said, reading from a brief statement in New York City's Brooklyn borough.



► U.S. Rep. Anthony Weiner announces his resignation from Congress in Brooklyn, N.Y., on Thursday.

Weiner's wife was absent as he announced his decision, as she was 10 days ago when he admitted having sent inappropriate messages and photos to several women online.

The crowd on Thursday included hecklers and radio shock jocks, vying for attention at what became a New York media event.

Weiner said he had hoped to remain in Con-

"I'm here today to again apologize for the personal mistakes I have made and the embarrassment I have caused."

ANTHONY WEINER

gress but conceded his predicament had made that impossible. Instead, he said he would resign "so my colleagues can get back to work, my neighbours can choose a new representative and ... that my wife and I can continue to heal from the damage I have caused."

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► WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange is seen with his ankle security tag at the house where he's required to stay, near Bungay, England.

WikiLeaks founder slams house arrest

► Julian Assange has been confined to rural estate for six months ► He continues to fight extradition to Sweden

WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange says his house arrest over sex allegations is hampering the work of the secret-spilling site, and his supporters accuse Britain of spying on him.

The 39-year-old Australian has spent six months at a supporter's rural estate as he fights

extradition to Sweden, where he is accused of the rape and sexual assault of two women.

Supporters have released a video claiming police had set up surveillance cameras near the house to record licence plates of visiting cars.

Assange's bail condi-

tions require him to wear an electronic tag and report to police daily.

Assange told The Associated Press Thursday that he had become "a fixed target" for snoopers.

He said his house arrest has been "the single largest impediment to our work." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Two sides reach deal in airline strike



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► Workers set to return on Friday ► Labour minister credits government intervention for quick end to strike

A tentative collective agreement ending a strike by Air Canada staff contains pay increases, but it will be up to an arbitrator to settle a dispute over pension plans for new hires.

Ken Lewenza, president of the Canadian Auto Workers, said the deal includes higher wages and addresses quality of life and other issues raised by members.

But he said it does not settle the issue of defined-benefit pensions.

3,800

Some 3,800 Air Canada customer-service and other staff walked off the job Tuesday.

Lewenza said the union agreed to send the pension issue to an arbitrator in order to minimize the strain on the striking workers.

"For us to prolong the strike as a result of future (hires) would absolutely make no sense at this time,





but it will give us an opportunity in future years to bargain on behalf of those new hires," Lewenza said.

He said there would be "very slight modifications" to the current pension plan, which would become effective in 2013. Details will not be released until after a ratification vote.

The tentative four-year settlement came less than an hour after Ottawa tabled legislation that would have forced the workers back on the job.

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Hydro-Quebec rolls out EV stations

Hydro-Quebec is teaming with several well-known companies to offer Canada's first charging stations for electric vehicles.

Home renovations company Rona Inc., Rotisseries St-Hubert chicken restaurant, grocer Metro and Montreal's suburban transit agency AMT will offer 100 EV stations in Montreal and Quebec City in early 2012.

Each will provide 240 volts of electricity, allowing motorists to travel 25 kilometres after one hour of charging.

The public utility

\$2 Motorists will be charged \$2 for each single use of the EV stations and access to a prime parking spot.

expects to add quick-charging stations of at least 400 volts that give an EV enough power to travel 50 kilometres in just 10 minutes, or 80 per cent of the battery's capacity in 30 minutes.

The companies assured on Thursday that the charge stations won't be restricted to use only by their customers. THE CANADIAN PRESS

High-flying loonie could see auto profits plummet

The strong loonie is driving up the cost of Canadian employees, which could put pressure on auto-parts and vehicle makers to send more jobs to the U.S. and Mexico where labour costs are lower, an independent think-tank says.

The Conference Board of Canada predicts a continued recovery in the auto industry on the back of soaring demand for vehicles in the U.S., providing substantial opportunity for the Canadian sector. But that growth potential will

not necessarily benefit Canadian workers in the auto-parts and vehicle-assembly sectors, the board warns.

A high loonie adds to labour costs in Canada relative to developing countries and makes Canadian exports less cost-competitive, which is prompting auto companies to look south when they make decisions about where to set up new plants, the board said.

"Furthermore, wages of Canadian auto workers are at risk of moving out of



VINCE TALOTTA/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

► The Chrysler plant in Brampton, Ont., is one of four in North America that was shuttered for several weeks in 2009 because of the economic downturn.

line with those of their American counterparts," the board said.

The auto industry and its offshoots, key components of Canada's economy, have enjoyed a swift turnaround since last year after struggling to maintain profits during the economic downturn of 2008-09.

But the board says auto-parts makers Magna International, Martinrea and Linamar could be forced to lower prices to compete with foreign manufacturers. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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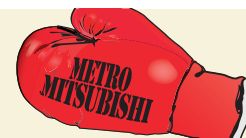
- Canada's auto-parts industry had a \$255-million profit in 2010, the first since 2007.
- Revenues are expected to grow at an annual average pace of 10.5 per cent through 2013 to 2015.
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▶ A small crew of picketers at the Gateway distribution centre in Toronto on Wednesday.

Expect cheques in mail

▶ Postal workers may be back on the job next week with legislation

Some two-million Canadians will find social-assistance cheques in their mailboxes on Monday despite the ongoing dispute between Canada Post and its locked-out employees

that has left regular mail delivery in limbo.

The Crown corporation said Thursday — a day after it locked out workers and suspended urban mail delivery across the country —

that the cheques will be delivered on June 20. Included are CPP, Old Age Security, Veterans' Affairs and Canada Tax Benefit cheques. Quebec's Child Assistance, Pension and Income Security

cheques as well as Alberta Pension cheques will also be delivered that day.

The federal government plans to table back-to-work legislation Monday as well.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Dollar down amid Greek debt

The Canadian dollar closed lower Thursday, dropping closer to parity with the U.S. dollar for a second day as traders sought a safe haven in the greenback amid fears that Greece could default on its massive debt.

The loonie was down 0.44 of a cent at 101.71 cents US, after going as low as 101.03 cents US earlier Thursday. The slide fol-

lowed a drop of more than a U.S. cent on Wednesday.

Investors are deeply worried that a default in Greece could set off a catastrophic financial chain reaction.

"Markets are jittery because the risk of contagion spreading to other euro-zone countries and banks is a key concern," said Rahim Madhavji of Knightsbridge Foreign Exchange.

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Chrysler steers recall

Chrysler Group LLC is recalling 11,351 cars, minivans and other models because a manufacturing problem can cause the steering to fail. Chrysler said it doesn't know of any crashes or injuries caused by the problem. The recall affects 11 of the 20 models Chrysler has on sale this year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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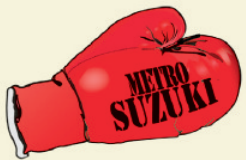
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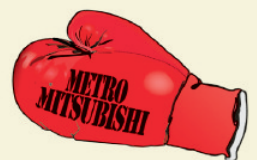
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1 The iconic image: Couple kissing during riots. It was an absolutely horrible Wednesday night in Vancouver. The Canucks lost Game 7 to

Boston and then the riots broke out downtown. But the ray of sunshine was an image snapped by a photographer of a couple lying on a tear-gas filled street making out, with riot police in the foreground and background. It's gone viral, and now the whole world is wondering who this mystery couple is.

2 Dirk. The lone superstar of the Dallas Mavericks, Dirk Nowitzki, outplays the superstar trio of LeBron James/Dwyane Wade/Chris Bosh to lead the Mavs to their first NBA title. A dynasty does not begin in Miami. Dirk, meanwhile ... well, he is now recognizable by one name (take that LeBron), and will go down as one of the Top 20 players of all time. (Oh, and there was no rioting in Miami.)

3 Can I be your friend? A man decides to test the etiquette of Twitter and Facebook in the real world by approaching strangers with lines like, "Can I be your friend?" and "Can I write on your wall?" and "Could I poke you?" and "I'm going to follow you." The video he makes is hilarious and has more than 700,000 views on YouTube.

4 Alice's Bucket List. A 15-year-old girl with terminal cancer has become an inspiration to the whole world. She has started a blog, Alice's Bucket List, which lists the many things she still wants to do with her time on Earth. Some tangible, some a dream. Such as: "To make everyone sign up to be a bone marrow donor, to swim with sharks, to go to Kenya (I can't travel there now but I wanted to)." As she says on her blog, "You only have one life ... live it!" So true.

5 A book on Charlie Sheen? Denise Richards is writing a tell-all memoir about her marriage — and nasty divorce — to Charlie Sheen to be released late July. And then she will likely go on a tour. But here's hoping it's nothing like her ex's Violent Tornado of Truth tour disaster.

6 Air Canada strike over! The feds announced back-to-work legislation, and soon after Air Canada and the Canadian Auto Workers union reached a tentative deal. And across Canada, striking customer-service agents at airports were screaming with delight. The flying public is about to get its best customer service ever with the good mood these agents are in.

7 Reality TV gets real. Many thought Gene Simmons and longtime girlfriend Shannon Tweed were just putting us on when they went on the Today Show Monday and talked about the disintegration of their relationship. But it wasn't just a ratings ploy to get us to watch the season premiere of Gene Simmons Family Jewels. Their relationship is, in fact, coming apart due to his philandering, and watching that episode was one of the more painful, awkward episodes of reality TV ever. Period.

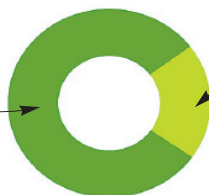
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- ▶ @Drebbay24: It's warmer in Iqaluit today than it is in Halifax. #depressing. Where is our summer?
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- ▶ @FatMike_of_NOFX: Best thing about Halifax: McDonalds has the McLobster. No fooling! Lobster on a sesame bun.
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Letters

HALIFAX. In the revelations that have evolved around the concert issue there continues to be much said about the \$400,000 in funds advanced to Power Promotional Events Inc. in July 2010 by the City of Halifax.

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It is most disheartening that no one seems to mention anything positive about concerts we brought to this city:

1. Ticket Atlantic (owned by taxpayers) collected more than \$600,000 in ticket fees on these concerts since 2008.

2. More than 90,000 people attended these concerts and at least 40 per cent of them came from outside of Metro. Economic spinoffs in the millions? Yes.

3. Employment and business for local suppliers over the years was substantial.

Correction of the facts would be appreciated so the public understands there was no money owed by Power Promotional Events to the City of Halifax.

HAROLD MACKAY

WEIRD NEWS

Fashion you can sink your teeth into

Lady Gaga made history at last year's MTV Video Music Awards when she turned butcher's cuts into high fashion.

On Thursday, the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame was prepared to unveil the singer's infamous raw-meat dress to the public. The dress — made of layers of Argentinian beef — was kept in a meat locker, placed in a vat of chemi-

cals and then dried out by taxidermists in California before being transported to the museum.

Hall of Fame spokeswoman Margaret Thresher said the dress took on a "dark, beef-jerky" look while dehydrating, so it was painted to look "fresh" afterwards. The entire process took several months to complete.

The dress is being displayed as part of the Women Who Rock: Vision, Passion, Power exhibit, which runs until February 2012.

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► Jim Carrey in Mr. Popper's Penguins.

Lots to like in Penguins

► Richard Crouse and Mark Breslin agree Mr. Popper's Penguins is a surprise hit ► Will appeal to the kids, with enough story to keep adults interested

Richard Crouse: Mark, Jim Carrey is back acting opposite wildlife, but unlike the Ace Ventura movies, this time he's not talking out of his bum, or doing anything that parents may take issue with. Mr. Popper's Penguins is total family entertainment, paced for young ones but with enough story to keep older kids and parents interested. I dreaded this one but actually ended up enjoying it.

Mark Breslin: Me too, Richard. I'm not a big fan of Jim Carrey movies, but this time the comedian keeps his cartoony instincts in check and brings an easy naturalness to the

role. The penguins make great foils for Carrey as they are the comedians of the animal world. With their tuxedo pelts, paunches and big noses they look like standup comics from the '50s.

RC: Ha! They do provide most of the laughs in the film, but I'm not sure I would classify this as a comedy. Carrey has a few funny moments, the penguins — who could be more rightly called Mr. Popper's Pooping Penguins — engage in some animal antics, and Popper's "p" popping personal assistant takes alliteration to new heights, but the movie is more about heart than humour.

MB: Maybe that's why I liked it so much: Carrey wasn't working so hard to be "on" all the time. I also appreciated the New York setting, though I found it bizarre that Popper was trying to raze, then save Tavern On The Green when it was just closed and slated for demolition last year. I guess the penguins aren't the only fantasy elements in the film!

RC: It is a fantasy film with a nice even tone for families, but I'm curious what sort of movie it might have been if the original director Noah Baumbach had been behind the camera. He's best known for making edgy family dramas

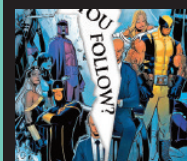
like Squid and the Whale. Mr. Popper's Penguins might have been more interesting to mom and dad if he had directed, but as it is it will appeal to kids, particularly if they've read the book.

MB: I love Baumbach, but I can only imagine his direction would have led to The Squid, the Whale and the Penguins, about a dysfunctional family with lots of flipper wringing. No, the movie ain't broke, so let's not fix it. You're right, it's a great family picture, but also — dare I say this — a good date movie. I may not know much about life, Richard, but I do know this: chicks dig penguins!

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Scene in brief



The X-Men, soon to end in just a few more issues, won't be gone for long. Two new titles will replace Marvel Comics' longest-running current series in November as it draws a 48-year run to a close with issue No. 544. Two separate teams calling themselves X-Men will take root this fall.

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Comic provides 'heart' to Cars 2

► Larry The Cable Guy lends his voice to rusty tow truck Mater in Pixar's Cars 2 ► Comedian brings his own brand of humour to the animated character



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Love him or loath him, there's no denying that Larry The Cable Guy is arguably the most successful comedian today. The man responsible for countless "get er' done" T-shirts and trucker hats created a brand of comedy that attracts vast audiences.

His appeal even extends to children, thanks to lending his voice to Mater in Pixar's Cars. The character was so popular that he got a DVD spinoff, Mater's Tall Tales, and is now the main character in Cars 2.

"I had a feeling that if they made a Cars 2 that Mater would have a larger role because he was so prevalent in that first one," Larry

told Metro. "He provided the humour, he provided the... well, Mater provided pretty much everything."

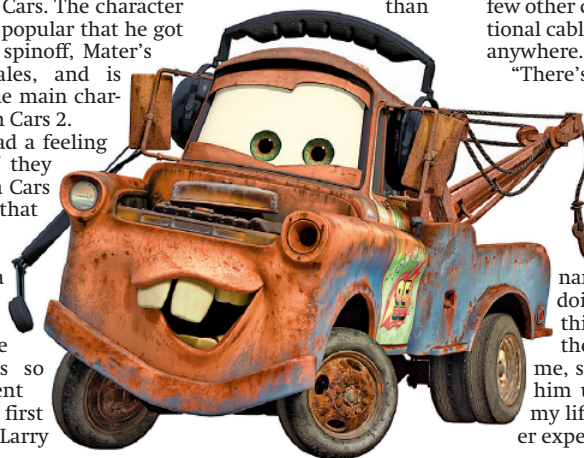
Mater the rusted tow truck is basically Larry The Cable Guy on wheels, and while the comedian doesn't write the Cars screenplays, he is responsible for most of his lines.

"[Cars 2 director] John Lasseter basically said to me, 'Look, you're the character. You do him better than

anyone because you are Mater,'" said Larry. "If I want to change a line I can and I do. John gives me a lot of leeway, which makes for a great recording session because I'm completely free."

But as popular as Mater and Larry have become, the actual comic (who never uses his real name) is far more humble and soft-spoken than you'd expect. Larry is just a character and while the real man has a few other creations, his fictional cable guy isn't going anywhere.

"There's a radio station that I call into as Dead Bing Crosby and nobody knows it's me. I also used to call in as an old woman named Iris. I like doing that sort of thing, but Larry is the one that made me, so I'm not giving him up. It took over my life in a way I never expected."



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The Green Lantern

Genre: Action

Director: Martin Campbell

Stars: Ryan Reynolds, Peter Sarsgaard, Blake Lively
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Seven decades after debuting as a DC comic book, The Green Lantern comes to the big screen with Ryan Reynolds as Hal Jordan, a daredevil test pilot

who reluctantly becomes an intergalactic guardian as part of the Green Lantern Corp. Equipped with a magic ring and a snappy green Lone Ranger mask he protects Earth from the evil Parallax.

First the good stuff. The idea that the Parallax feeds off people's fear is a terrifying premise and Pe-

ter Sarsgaard's transformation from nerdy Hector to nerdy Hector-with-a-huge-head provides some fun Jekyll and Hyde moments, but the film is bogged down by an overreliance on CGI.

Because everyone knows anything is possible when you bang together the right bits of binary code, computer-generated action no longer "wows" audiences. So why does director Martin Campbell paint every frame with computer images? Even Jordan's silly little green mask is computer-generated. Was the costumer off the day he needed to don the disguise?

The Green Lantern isn't a bad superhero movie, but it doesn't hold a lantern to some of the seriously good ones we've seen lately like The Dark Knight or Iron Man.

● RICHARD CROUSE



The Art of Getting By

Genre: Drama

Director: Gavin Wiesen

Stars: Freddie Highmore, Emma Roberts
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The Art of Getting By has its moments, but suffers from a pretty serious problem. The main character is a teenager who decides he doesn't want to do homework because he thinks there are more important things in life. He wants to paint, but has no inspira-

tion. He loves a girl, but can't tell her. First-time director Gavin Wiesen creates a pretty funny and insightful look at adolescent indifference. Unfortunately, there's a lack of dramatic thrust built into the subject matter. It's hard to care about a character who has no desire to move forward in life. It's inevitable that a movie about disinterested characters is on a slow train to nowhere. ● PHIL BROWN

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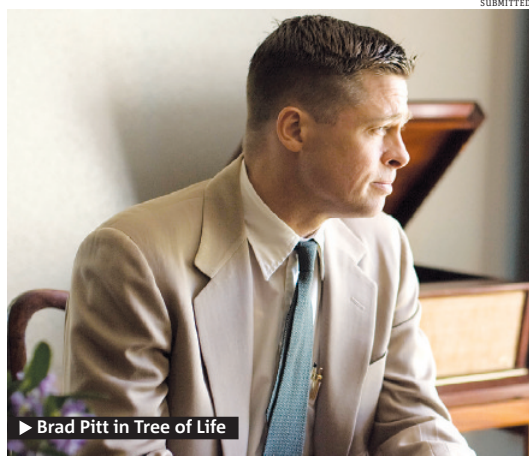
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► Brad Pitt in Tree of Life

Legendary director builds Tree of Life

"Terry has built a house, but he doesn't feel like a real estate agent," joked Brad Pitt at the Palais des festivals in Cannes.

The star of Tree of Life was trying to explain the absence of director Terrence Malick, who didn't attend the film's press conference in the morning, and skipped the red carpet in the evening.

The legendary filmmaker behind Days of Heaven, who won the best director award in Cannes back in 1979, is indeed on the French Riviera. But he feels too shy to confront the cameras and press, who partially booed his new epic.

Tree of Life tells the story of a Texas family in the

1950s. Pitt is the father, newcomer Jessica Chastain is the mother.

They have three sons. One of them dies at the age of 19. The older becomes a respected businessman played by Sean Penn in a few scenes set in the present.

In between, Malick delivers weird visions of the creation of earth and the birth of humanity. We even see two dinosaurs, who seem to have escaped from Jurassic Park.

Pitt is co-producing the movie with his company, Plan B. "There are so many scripts that can't be done and I created this company because I wanted to help things done," he said.

● JEROME VERMELIN

Bad Teacher is 'genius,' says Diaz

► Movie makes no apologies for bad behaviour ► Diaz doesn't hold back in her latest role, and it pays off ► But the film's drug use, sexual content earns it an R-rating



Considering how Cameron Diaz's character behaves in Bad Teacher, the title is something of an understatement.

She smokes pot in the school parking lot. She assaults students for getting questions wrong. She accepts "tutoring money" from parents in exchange for A's for their children.

Her sole motivation is earning enough money for a boob job so she can snag a rich husband. The character is crass, deceitful and usually hungover — in other words, far from glamorous or sympathetic. But that's exactly what Diaz liked about her.

"There was absolutely not one ounce of energy spent trying to make anything about this character likeable. It was genius," says Diaz. "Usually, you spend the last 20 minutes of the movie trying to apologize for the first hour



► Cameron Diaz in Bad Teacher.

and a half of it because people are afraid of just owning what it is."

Diaz, who has done arguably her best work in comedies with some bite to them, doesn't hold back in her latest role, and it pays off. But given the material, she couldn't really pull any punches.

"Thirty pages into the script, I was like, 'There's no way I'm playing this character. How could I ever redeem her? There's no redemption for her, this is a horrible person,'" she remembers.

"Then 10 pages later I was like, 'I think I like her.' And by the end I was like, 'This is amazing because I don't have to apologize.'"

Of course, even in a cavalcade of bad behaviour like Bad Teacher, there are some situations Diaz and director Jake Kasdan thought would be going too far, like featuring a teacher-student romance.

"The one thing that Elizabeth doesn't do — one line she doesn't cross — is taking on a seventh grad-

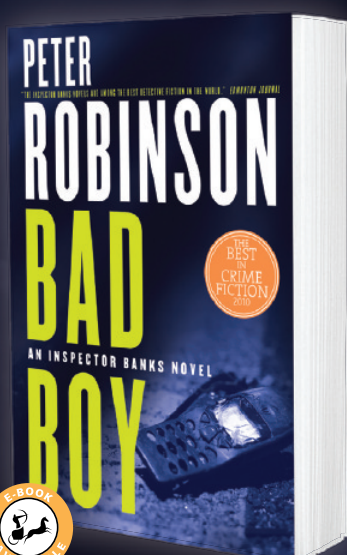
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CAMERON DIAZ

er," Diaz says. "That's the one thing she doesn't do, thankfully. I don't think I would be down with that. That would be a different movie, clearly."

Not that it would probably matter to MPAA, the organization that doles out ratings for American films — and a group Diaz isn't too thrilled about. (Bad Teacher, with its rampant drug use, foul language and sexual content, unsurprisingly earned an R-rating.)

"It's arbitrary, honestly, the rating system," Diaz says. "Who's to judge what is R-rated or not? It's all relative, right? It's just to whom is watching it, if it's something inappropriate or not. So I say, get rid of the ratings, man!"



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Selena Gomez co-hosts the MMVAs

- Her boyfriend (a.k.a. Justin Bieber) is hinting on Twitter he might swing by for the party
- Performances by Lady Gaga, Avril Lavigne, Bruno Mars, Simple Plan and many more



Ian Gormely will be tweeting live from the Much Music Video Awards this Sunday starting with the red carpet at 6:30 p.m. ET. Follow him @iangormely



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Since its inception, the MuchMusic Video Awards have always had the feel of a star-studded street party. Behind the scenes though, a lot of planning goes into choreographing the chaos on Queen Street.

"It's one of those shows where anything could happen," says Neil Staite, MuchMusic's director of operations.

"We always try to make sure we can deliver the ultimate fan access. They're an integral part of the show."

NEIL STAITE, MUCHMUSIC'S
DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

"You're not only building for what you want the show to be, but what could happen. And sometimes those are two very different things."

Key to the spontaneous appeal of the MMVAs every year are the fans who flock to the corner of Queen and John to catch a glimpse of their favourite artists. The energy they generate rubs off on the performers and presenters, says Staite.

Of course the massive crowds can make getting the presenters to their mark on time a problem. Besides the party on Queen Street, Much also holds a reception inside the building.

Every person appearing on the program gets a wrangler who rehearses from Friday on every possible route and detour to get

that artist where they need to be on time.

The show's writers also have a hand in corralling the chaos. They research each presenter before writing a word, says Jason Ford, the supervising producer.

They'll then consult with each artist, sending drafts back and forth in an effort to capture the artist's true voices.

Still, they leave plenty of room for off-the-cuff moments. In 2002 Pamela Anderson brought out then partner Kid Rock. This year Justin Bieber's girlfriend, Selena Gomez, is co-hosting the show and the Biebs has been hinting over Twitter that he might make an appearance.

"That's the kind of thing we'd be prepared for," says Staite.

Back in the day

The genesis for what would become the MuchMusic Video Awards dates back to 1990 and what were then called the Canadian Music Video Awards.

► A far cry from the Queen and John street party we know today, the awards were held on a train, which ran from Vancouver all the way to the East Coast, making whistle stops along the way.

► One of the train's boxcars was converted into a recording studio where bands would perform. "You'd pull into a small town at five in the morning and there'd be 40 or 45 kids waiting in the parking lot," says Staite.

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Foster the People foster an audience

► Metro got the chance to chat with singer Mark Foster about the band



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Do you like playing festivals as much as doing headlining shows?

I don't know if I like one more than another. I think it's cool at festivals because you tend to play in front of more people than we do at our club shows.

So I think it's a good opportunity for people that might go, you know, they

might be going there to check out other artists or be curious about us, and kind of stumble into the show and become a fan. And it's also really cool to be able to see other bands that are playing that we haven't seen before as well.

Has anyone that you've seen recently blown you away?

I just saw Cage the Elephant for the first time and that was really fun. I

really enjoyed them. And Snoop played at BFD (in Calif.) and that blew my

mind. ... I've been to quite a few hip-hop shows, but he's just got it down.

Tell me about your connection with Dr. Dre. They brought me in origi-

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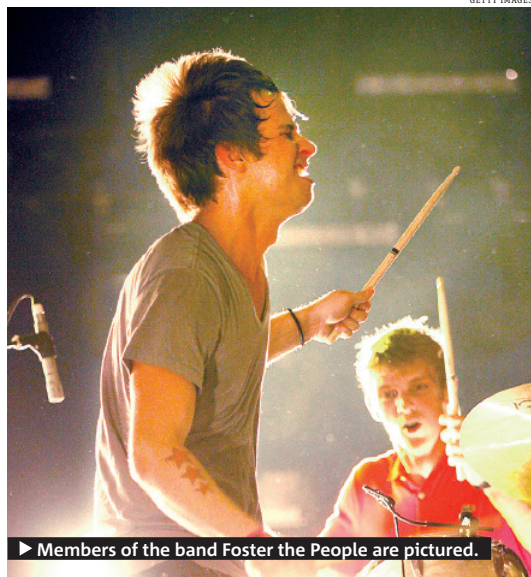
► Foster the People's debut album, *Torches*, was released at the end of May.

nally to work on (Dr. Dre's upcoming album) *Detox*, but then basically switched gears and said that they wanted to get behind me as a recording artist. But they wanted to make a soul record with Raphael Saadiq, and I was making electronic kind of glitched-out music and that was the type of record I wanted to make, so we just didn't really see eye to eye.

It would've been a dream to work with Dre but I didn't want to be the next Billy Joel or anything. I wanted to make the kind of music I was making.

And I had a few songs like that. You know, I have some songs that are more classic songwriting, and that's what they were gravitating towards, but my heart was always in the type of music that we're making now with Foster the People.

"One of my concerns for this record was that it wasn't going to be cohesive, so that was something that I really worked towards, tying everything together." MARK FOSTER



► Members of the band Foster the People are pictured.

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HISTORY OF MUSIC: THE FORMAT WARS (PART 2)

SOUND CHECK



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Last week, I went through some love-hate battles that have occurred between music and technology over the decades. Here are a few more.

Tapes vs. Tapes

For years, the only source for music in the car was

the AM radio. That changed starting with some 1965 Ford models, as the 8-track player was introduced as a factory option. It ruled until the mid-1970s when it was eclipsed by the cassette, which, unlike the 8-track, had a rewind function. In 1982, the last pre-recorded 8-tracks disappeared from stores, although it lived on in the realm of record clubs. Legend has it that the last 8-track ever issued was Fleetwood Mac's *Greatest Hits* in November 1988. (Good trivia question, that!)

Tapes vs. Vinyl

There was a period in the 1980s when sales of pre-recorded cassettes were



► Remember these? For the youngsters out there, they're called cassettes.

greater than those of LPs. Everyone had a Walkman and rather than transferring LPs to blank cassettes, millions just went for the pre-recorded version. Record stores bulged with LPs, 45s, 12-inch singles, cassettes and, for a while, 8-tracks.

Tapes and Vinyl vs. CDs

Before cassettes and vinyl could finish their death match, along came the compact disc. Introduced in late 1982, the record industry was initially dead against them. The last thing they wanted during a brutal recession was an-

other new format with its requisite manufacturing, transportation and warehousing costs, not to mention the investments record stores would have to make on new shelving. Then someone realized that the CD was a way to get music fans to buy their entire music collections all over again.

CDs vs. MP3s

And lo, the times were good as fat margins on CDs and ever-increasing annual album sales made the recording industry a very, very happy place. Things were so good that when, in 1993, a Warner executive discovered leaked versions of a Depeche Mode album

trading in chat rooms on the Prodigy network (anyone remember that?) using some weird new technology called the MP3, he brushed it off as inconsequential. Oops.

MP3s vs. Streaming

But MP3s (and similar music files) may not be the endgame. Subscription services like Spotify and Pandora may make possessing MP3s irrelevant. There's no need to own an MP3 if you can get the music from somewhere whenever you want it.

Then again, Apple's iCloud is a shot against streaming, isn't it?

The format wars are far from over.

Aguilera sharing the blame for her divorce

► Says that her, Jordan Bratman weren't angels ► Split up for their child



► Christina Aguilera

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Christina Aguilera is opening up about her recent divorce, telling W Magazine that she and ex-husband Jordan Bratman share the blame for it ending.

"At one time or another we were both not angels," Aguilera says. "It got to a point where our life at home was reminding me of my own childhood. I will not have my son grow

up in a tension-filled home."

And the singer, who's no stranger to life in the public eye, knew it wouldn't be an easy process.

"I knew there would be a negative reaction in the press to my divorce, but I am not going to live my life because of something someone might say."

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Talking points

Timberlake defends Brit

NOT CHUMP CHANGE.

Justin Timberlake is coming to ex-girlfriend Britney Spears' defense after the Femme Fatale singer has been hit with a deluge of criticism online for her current dance moves.

"This thing that happens online bothers me — these anonymous commenters," Timberlake tells Playboy magazine.

"People think they can say anything and it doesn't matter to

Celebrity tweets



"my life was once whiskey, tears, and cigarettes... now it's snot, tears, and the color of poop."

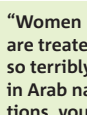
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"Thank you all for nominating me as sexiest vegetarian. I am going to celebrate by being sexy with a parsnip."

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"Women are treated so terribly in Arab nations, you'd think they were gays in THIS nation."

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"Just 'made it rain' with Snoop Dogg. He tossed money in the air, and I seeded clouds until precipitation ensued."

Beauvais, according to E! Online.

"When she arrived, they moved to the front corner table, which put them on display. They sat inside for a while and even ordered food," a source says.

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Why Crystal left Hefner at the alter

NOT A FIGHT Crystal Harris says leaving Hugh Hefner less than a week before their wedding was "the right thing to do," she reveals in an interview with Ryan Seacrest.

"He was just doing this wedding for me. He thought that's what I wanted. We're both relieved."

She also insists rumors of a blowout between the two are untrue.

"It was mutual between Hef and I," Harris says. "There was no fight. We sat down and we talked about it."

She claims they are still together and everything is fine otherwise.

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Royals turning away the help

Prince William and his new wife, Kate Middleton, are putting the breaks on hiring on new household staff, according to Us Weekly.

"New staff for the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge have been put on hold. The move to Kensington Palace will go ahead, but just without the extra household staff. For now," says one source.

Another source adds that Middleton "doesn't want a housekeeper/dress-

"New staff for the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge have been put on hold. The move to Kensington Palace will go ahead but just without the extra household staff." SOURCE

er at Kensington Palace because she doesn't need one right now." ● METRO



► Prince William and Kate Middleton

people," he said.

"I'd love to see the people who comment about Britney online say those things to her face, because they couldn't."

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Penn already moving on

CAN'T BLAME HIM. SHE IS CLEARLY NOT VERY ATTRACTIVE

Has Sean Penn already moved on after his split from Scarlett Johansson? The Oscar-winner was spotted recently at the Sunset Tower Hotel in Los Angeles where he met up with Franklin and Bash actress Garcelle

Sharing a brew with dad



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If it's liquid, I love it. So, I'm sure my father doesn't mind this Father's Day that while I inherited his appreciation for a fine pint of beer, I also spread my love around the wine and spirit world, too.

That said, beer does hold a special place in my heart. It was the first taste of booze I ever had thanks to my grandfather. (No emails folks. I spit it out much to the enjoyment of dear old Da).

Times have changed. Small North American cottage breweries are red hot for reinventing old school British ales and light beer is on guys' radar because we, too, watch calories.

Though the flavour profile of lighter beers varies dramatically, the addition of a citrus element really levels the drinking field.

Molson Canadian 67 Sublime (12 x 341 ml, \$18.12 - \$22.99) has a surprisingly robust lemon/lime appeal that adds volumes to what is a pretty subtle beer. Meanwhile, the 100 calorie Miller Chill Lemon (12 x 355 ml, \$21.50 - \$23.99) pumps up the volume of refreshing malt. **PRICES**

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Hit a Father's Day home run in the kitchen

► Make dad something he'll really enjoy: His favourite baseball player's favourite meal ► Diamond Dishes by Julie Loria takes you inside the kitchens of some of Major League Baseball's biggest stars



BEN FINK

► This T-Bone Steak recipe (a favourite of Alex Rodriguez) makes four servings.

Grilled T-Bone Steaks with Balsamic Onion Confit

There aren't many dishes more satisfying than a sizzling steak with savory side dishes. Alex Rodriguez likes his sides tasty and free of unnecessary fat and calories. This slow-cooked confit fits the bill.

Preparation:

1 Melt butter in skillet over medium heat. Add onions and salt; stir well. Add 1 cup water. Cook, stirring, until water evaporates and onions soften, about 20

mins. Stir another cup of water into onions. Cook, stirring, until water evaporates and onions are tender and begin to brown, about 20 mins.

2 Stir in vinegar and honey. Cook, stirring often, until onions are caramelized and liquids syrupy, about 10 mins. Remove from heat and cover skillet to keep onions warm.

3 Prepare fire in grill. Season steaks with salt and pepper; let stand at

room temperature while grill heats. Lightly oil grill grate. Place steaks on grill; cover. Grill, turning after 3 minutes, until tops of steaks feel firmer than raw when pressed, about 7 mins for medium-rare.

4 Transfer each steak to dinner plate. Top with onions and serve.

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Ingredients:

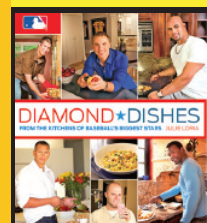
Balsamic Onion Confit

- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter
- 3 onions, peeled and sliced about ½ inch thick
- Pinch of salt

- 3 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
 - 3 tablespoons honey
- Steaks**
- 4 14-ounce T-bone steaks
 - ½ teaspoons salt
 - ½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

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MLB Cookbook



In Diamond Dishes, not only does Julie Loria share recipes based on some of the favourite foods of MLB all-stars, she also reveals their stories — memorable meals growing up, food rituals and guilty food pleasures. **METRO**



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Breakfast fit for the best dad

► These delicious corncakes feature a cinnamon-honey yogurt topping

Many classics, like these corncakes, are easily re-made. It's mostly a matter of switching out some of the less desirable carbs and fats with better choices.

Preparation:

- 1 In a large bowl, whisk together cornmeal, both flours, baking powder, sugar and salt.
- 2 In a bowl, whisk together milk, 50 ml (1/4 cup) of the yogurt and oil. Add dry ingredients and stir until blended.
- 3 In another bowl, use an electric mixer to beat egg whites to stiff peaks. Gently fold egg

whites into batter.

- 4 Lightly oil a large heavy non-stick skillet or griddle and heat over medium. Working in batches, use about 50 ml (1/4 cup) batter per pancake to make 12 pancakes. Cook until browned and puffed, about 5 minutes per side. Transfer to a plate and cover with foil to keep warm. Repeat with remaining batter.
- 5 Meanwhile, to make topping, in bowl, whisk honey, cinnamon and remaining 250 ml (1 cup) of yogurt. Serve corncakes with yogurt topping spooned on top. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Ingredients:

- 175 ml (3/4 cup) stone-ground cornmeal
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) all-purpose flour
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) whole-wheat flour
- 5 ml (1 tsp) baking powder
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) sugar
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) salt
- 300 ml (1 1/4 cups) skim milk
- 300 ml (1 1/4 cups) plain non-fat Greek-style yogurt (divided)
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) vegetable or canola oil, plus more for the griddle
- 4 egg whites
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) honey
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) ground cinnamon

MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



► This recipe makes six servings.

Home-Cured Bacon



Ingredients:

- 500 ml (2 cups) kosher salt
- 500 ml (2 cups) packed brown sugar
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) ground black pepper
- 1 kg (2 lb) pork belly

Preparation:

- 1 In a bowl, mix together salt, sugar and pepper. Add any additional seasonings, as desired.
- 2 Find a container that will hold pork belly comfortably with 2.5 to 5 cm (1 to 2 inches) of space on all sides. A casserole dish is a good choice. Spoon about half of the salt mixture into the container, spreading it in an even layer. Set pork

belly over salt, pressing it gently into salt mixture. Pack remaining salt mixture over and around pork.

- 3 Refrigerate, uncovered, for 6 to 7 days. Remove slab of pork belly (now bacon) from salt mixture. The bottom will resemble wet sand. Discard salt mixture. Rinse bacon under cool running water. Pat bacon dry with a clean towel. Use a very sharp knife to cut bacon into slices, then refrigerate up to 5 days or freeze up to 3 months.

- 4 Fry or otherwise cook the home-cured bacon as you would purchased bacon. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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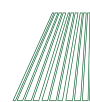
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NBL Canada explores options for eight-team circuit

The National Basketball League of Canada is working toward an eight-team circuit for its inaugural season.

NBL Canada has decided to move forward with Ontario ownership groups in Kingston, Oshawa, London and Barrie, as well as one Maritime group in Charlottetown, P.E.I.

Those five groups have submitted letters of intent and deposits in an effort to join founding teams in Halifax, Saint John, N.B., and Quebec City.

Moncton, N.B., and Laval, Que., are not in the picture for 2011-12, according to interim chief operating officer Ian McCarthy. McCarthy also ruled out the possibility of new ownership groups stepping forward for 2011-12.

The league is planning to tip off in October with a 30-game schedule.

The Halifax Rainmen, Saint John Mill Rats and Quebec Kebs announced the formation of NBL Canada on May 12 after disassociating with the Premier Basketball League in late April.

The Rainmen have existed for four seasons, spending three in the PBL and one in the American Basketball Association.

NBL Canada is holding its first owners' meeting on June 29 and is expecting to announce its roster of teams shortly thereafter. **MATTHEW WUEST**

Flemming focused on Maritime Pro Stock title

- Halifax star looks to end five-year drought on Saturday
- Expects showdown with Tucker to go down to final race

MATT JACQUES



John Flemming in his No. 97 car on the Maritime Pro Stock Tour.



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When John Flemming commits to the Maritime Pro Stock Tour, he's usually a contender for a championship.

So given that the 44-year-old Halifax native plans to race every event this summer, it's no surprise to see him tied for second overall entering Saturday's Ron MacGillivray 100 at Riverside International Speedway near Antigonish.

"Unless we have some real bad luck, we should be a

"It gets pretty stressful and you wonder why you put all this time and effort into things, but I've been doing it so long, it's just a passion."

JOHN FLEMMING ON HIS 17-YEAR PRO STOCK TOUR CAREER.

contender for a championship," said Flemming, a three-time tour winner.

"We're going to do the full season and see what we can do."

Flemming won tour titles in 2002, 2003 and 2006 and finished third in 2009. Every summer in between, Flemming has missed events because he also races in the Pro All-Star Series.

But despite his impres-

sive resumé, Flemming isn't happy about a lengthy tour drought that leaves him without a checkered flag in almost five years, dating all the way back to Sept. 9, 2006.

"It's been a few years now and I'd like to get a couple of victories, to tell you the truth," Flemming said. "We've led a lot of laps, but we just haven't been able to close the deal."

Through two races, another three-time tour winner, defending champion Shawn Tucker of Fredericton, N.B., has a slim one-point lead over Flemming and Timberlea's Wayne Smith.

Tucker is clearly the man to beat, and if early returns are any indication, the points race won't be solved any time soon.

"He's at the top of his game right now and it's gonna be tough," Flemming said. "It should go right down to the last race, and I hope it's going to be exciting for the fans."

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More sports

Halifax City has opened up a five-point lead atop the men's Nova Scotia Soccer League EastLink Premiership. City, which beat defending champion Halifax Dunbrack 3-1 on Wednesday, is off to a 4-3 start and faces Suburban FC on Friday at 7 p.m. at Weir Field.



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Cave eyes bigger and better things via Halifax fight

► Has been training with Ward and Eklund ► Nine-bout boxing card set for Palooka's on Saturday ► Doors open at 6:30 p.m., fights start at 7:30 p.m. ► Rush tickets going for \$40



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Tyson Cave is doing everything he can to get the attention of the world's best bantamweights.

The Halifax native has spent the past month in Lowell, Mass., working with high-profile trainers Dicky Eklund and Micky Ward, and is on a four-fight winning streak entering Saturday's bout with Saturnino Nava at Palooka's Boxing Club on Gottingen Street.

Cave, 14-1, is hoping a win over Mexico's Nava (8-9) will finally get him the attention he feels he deserves.

"I'm looking for some big names — I've proven



► Tyson Cave is eyeing a win on Saturday at Palooka's Boxing Club.

myself," said Cave, who is ranked 30th by the WBC.

"It seems like these guys have been under-looking me, going on to easier opponents. But a couple of more

wins, I don't think they can hide from me too much longer."

Cave, who currently holds the WBC Continental Americas belt, said the tute-

"This is my kingdom. I'm the Prince of Hali. I love this place, I love fighting here, I love the fans, I love that they come out and show me the sport that I need."

TYSON CAVE

lage of Eklund and Ward has made him much harder to beat.

The half-brothers were accomplished boxers from the 1970s to the early 2000s and gained recent attention as the subjects of the movie *The Fighter*, featuring Christian Bale and Mark

Wahlberg.

Cave signed on with them six months ago but his recent training stint is his longest yet.

"My power's better, my weight's better, my diet's better, everything's better," Cave said. "When they took me on they said, 'Either you want to be champ or we're not going to deal with you.' And I said, 'I want to be champ.' We're looking for bigger, better fights. I'm getting stronger, faster, and it's showing in my last fights."

Cave is known for his confidence and has no shortage of it going into Saturday's bout.

"I'm in the best shape of my life, I can't picture me losing right now," he said.



► Rory McIlroy

McIlroy in lead after Round 1 of U.S. Open

A few months removed from his Masters meltdown, Rory McIlroy is in the lead at the U.S. Open.

McIlroy, who lost a four-shot lead in the final round at Augusta in April, climbed into first place at Congressional on Thursday, making three straight birdies on his way to 5-under par through 13 holes. He was three shots clear of Y.E. Yang and Charl Schwartzel.

Yang, whose win at the 2009 PGA Championship might be better remembered as the one that Tiger Woods lost, was in the clubhouse after shooting 68.

McIlroy is still looking for his first major.

Opening on the back nine, he made an eight footer for birdie on No. 17 and a putt more than twice that long on 18, then made it three in a row with another birdie on No. 1. He was the first player to reach 5 under at the tournament, regarded as the toughest test in golf.

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BRUINS CELEBRATION

Red Sox to push back game for cup parade

The Red Sox have pushed back the start time of their Saturday home game with the Milwaukee Brewers to avoid a conflict with the Boston Bruins' Stanley Cup victory parade.

The game at Fenway

Park will be played at 8:10 p.m. instead of 2:10 p.m. The Red Sox also said Thursday they'll include a pregame tribute to the Bruins championship team.

The team said city officials had requested the change to help deal with the large crowds expected for the 12 p.m. downtown parade and the baseball game.

The Red Sox said the change now allows fans to watch both the game and parade on television.

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Bruins bring cup to Boston

The Stanley Cup glistened in the morning sun, the nearly 35-pound symbol of NHL supremacy raised high over the head of 255-pound Zdeno Chara.

Then, the captain of the champion Boston Bruins lowered it to his knees. He patiently answered reporters' questions after a night of little sleep and much joy on a flight across North America — from the disappointed city of Vancouver to the title town of Boston.

For the six-foot-nine defenceman and his teammates, the heavy lifting was over.

The celebration was on. "We are pretty OK with that weight," Chara said Thursday, the cup in his grasp as it was when he hoisted it after the Bruins' 4-0 win in Game 7 over the Canucks less than 12 hours earlier.

He walked over to some of the roughly 500 fans who had gathered outside TD Garden, where the Bruins outscored the Canucks 17-3 during the final. He let some of them touch the coveted trophy that hadn't been in Bruins hands in 39 years.

"It's unbelievable. It's very exciting for the whole city, for us, for the whole organization. It's a very special day," said Chara, who hadn't won a cup in 12 previous NHL seasons. "We're very honoured to be here. We're so happy."

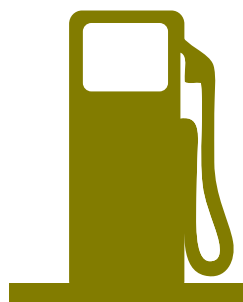
They won with Brad Marchand, a rookie pest, and Patrice Bergeron, who missed most of the 2007-08 season with a concussion. Each had two goals in the clincher.

"We went out there on a mission, came back champions," said Marchand, a Hammonds Plains native. "We proved we were the best team in the world."

There will be many more fans lining the streets at the parade Saturday, the city's seventh in the past decade following championship celebrations for the Patriots, Red Sox and Celtics. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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BOSTON BRUINS

Cup winners should be able to keep team intact

The Boston Bruins should have an easier time repeating than the last team to win the Stanley Cup.

Unlike the Chicago Blackhawks of a year ago, the Bruins are well-positioned under the salary cap to bring back virtually the same squad that ended a long championship drought.

In fact, only four players that suited up for Wednesday's Game 7 victory over the Vancouver Canucks are headed for free agency and one of

them, 43-year-old forward Mark Recchi, is retiring.

No wonder some members of the team took a break between sips of champagne to look ahead.

"The future looks bright with all the guys that we have," said Bruins forward Patrice Bergeron, who had two goals in the deciding game.

If anything, general manager Peter Chiarelli might be looking to add a few pieces. He has \$52.2 million US committed to 18 players next season — leaving him roughly \$10 million to spend with the cap expected to be set around \$62 million.

He'll also likely get back the \$4 million in cap space dedicated to forward Marc Savard, who is expected to retire because of ongoing concussion symptoms.

Chiarelli's biggest decision will be determining the fate of defenceman Tomas Kaberle, who failed to provide the power-play boost the Bruins were looking for when they acquired him from Toronto midway through the year. The veteran earned \$4.25 million this season and is an unrestricted free agent. Forward Michael Ryder is also eligible to become unrestricted on July 1 after earning \$4 million.

The only other Bruins regular in need of a contract is Brad Marchand, who earned himself extra money with 11 goals in the playoffs including two in Game 7 of the final. The Hammonds Plains native is a restricted free agent who averaged a little over \$821,000 on his entry-level deal.

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Seven points to watch this CFL season

CFL EXTRA POINTS

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Let's kick off the 2011 CFL campaign with seven questions that should get answered between the season openers on Canada Day weekend and the time the Grey Cup is hoisted Nov. 27 in Vancouver.

1 Needing 4,200 yards to overtake Damon Allen as the CFL's career passing yards leader, Anthony Calvillo still can't get his name on many lists of the CFL's all-time greatest quarterbacks. Critics argue Calvillo lacks arm strength and mobility, both valid claims, and that his career stats are the product of longevity instead of talent. Yet late this season, A.C. should eclipse Allen's passing mark, a staggering stat north of 72,000 yards, while challenging for a third-consecutive Grey Cup ring. Will it finally be enough to help Calvillo receive the respect he deserves?

2 Greg Marshall has waited a lifetime to earn his first head-coaching job, taking over from Ken Miller as Saskatchewan's boss. Countless times Marshall has been a bridesmaid when CFL teams were courting head coaches, despite earning respect as one of the league's top defensive gurus. Marshall deserves this opportunity, but when a candidate gets passed over that many times, you have to wonder: Do other teams know something the Riders don't?

3 The Calgary Stampeders have been a perennial Grey Cup contender since QB Henry Burris arrived in 2005. But with just one championship ring in six seasons and after two straight West final losses, is time running out for the 36-year-old Burris and his talented group to claim another?

4 B.C. Lions boss Wal-ly Buono believes in QB Travis Lulay so deeply he's given the young pivot the starting role in Vancouver. Will the green Montana slinger develop into a quarterback the likes of Dave Dickenson or Jeff Garcia, two other top passers Buono helped groom?

5 The Edmonton Eskimos aren't used to losing and have handed the controls to GM Eric Tillman, who'll guide an intense rebuilding program. With a new coaching staff, can Tillman quickly produce the winning results green and gold fans demand?

6 For the second consecutive season, the Toronto Argos are destined to enter the season without a legitimate starting quarterback. The three main contenders — Cleo Lemon, a failure last season, along with backups Steven Jyles and Dalton Bell — hardly strike fear in the hearts of opponents. Who's going to help the Argos find the end zone?

7 Winnipeg's 4-14 record last season hardly suggests the team is on the verge of a Grey Cup appearance, but nine of those losses were by four points or less. Can Winnipeg turn those close losses into victories in 2011 and earn a playoff spot?

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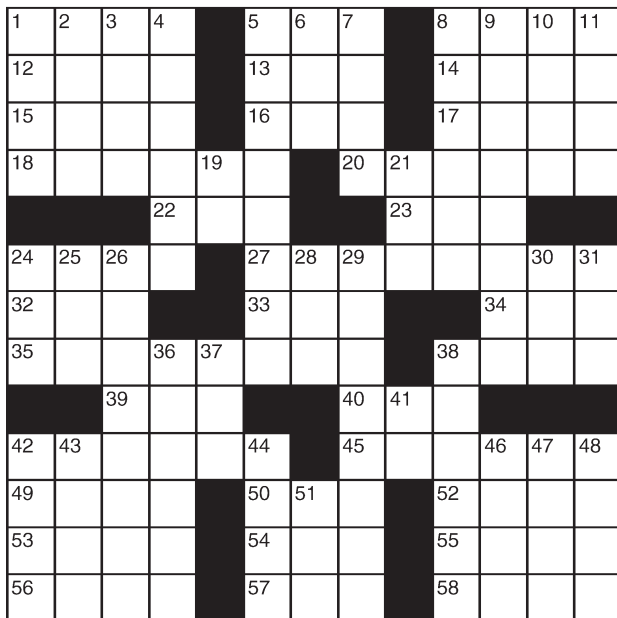
Editor's note: Yikes! The production gremlins were working overtime yesterday! Here's the puzzle you should've had.

Across

- 1 Con game
- 5 Not-so-tall tale
- 8 Front projection
- 12 Needing a cane
- 13 Earlier than
- 14 Hold sway
- 15 Intl. cartel
- 16 Actress Gardner
- 17 Elevator name
- 18 Railyard sight
- 20 Result
- 22 Every last bit
- 23 15-Across' product
- 24 Gulleys
- 27 And so on
- 32 — Beta Kappa
- 33 Vast expanse
- 34 Blue
- 35 Unrelenting pest
- 38 Snakes
- 39 Storm center
- 40 Keyboard abbr.
- 42 Take out of context?
- 45 Small yellow fruit used in preserves
- 49 Vicinity
- 50 "Hail!"
- 52 Loosen
- 53 Optimistic
- 54 Family member
- 55 Particular
- 56 Being, to Brutus
- 57 "Of course"
- 58 "Piggies"

Down

- 1 Messy guy
- 2 Mafia bigwig
- 3 MasterCard alternative, briefly
- 4 Gathering places

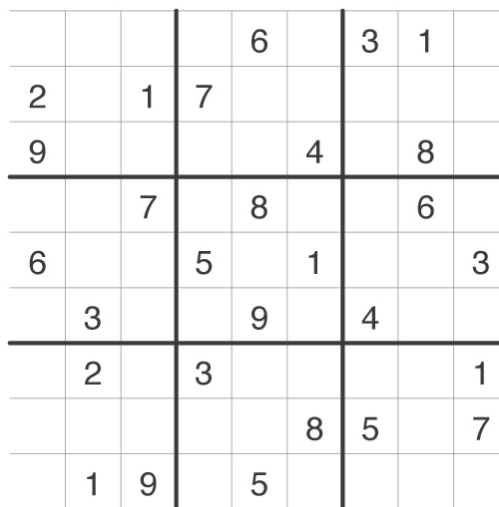


- 5 Intrepid
- 6 Mr. Robbins who partnered with Burt Baskin
- 7 Suitor
- 8 Toaster's word
- 9 Cruel
- 10 Medley
- 11 Into the sunset
- 19 Mr. Pacino
- 21 "Ulalume" writer
- 24 Speedometer stat
- 25 "Caught ya!"
- 26 Brit's radio
- 28 Ball-bearing gizmo
- 29 Negligent
- 30 Knock
- 31 Billboards
- 36 Sailor's assent
- 37 Collection
- 38 Find not guilty
- 41 Therefore
- 42 Challenge
- 43 Love deity
- 44 Uncomplicated
- 46 "Do — others ..."
- 47 "Zip- — Doo-Dah"
- 48 — River, NJ
- 51 Struggle (for)

► Wednesday's answer



Sudoku



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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ►

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3	9	1	4	2	7	5	8	6
4	7	6	3	5	8	1	2	9
5	1	9	2	7	3	6	4	8
2	4	7	8	1	6	9	3	5
6	3	8	5	9	4	2	1	7
7	2	3	6	8	5	4	9	1
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Adrian Mihai
Hey baby, love you much, hope you will be soon with me, miss you a lot. Love you, from NICOLE <3

Dear Nader
Happy Father Day, Nader! You are such a caring and kind father. Ali and I are so lucky to have you in our life. Love you so much! Thanks for being there whenever we need you! Ali & Noushin **ALI & NOUSHIN**

Today



21°/11°
Partly cloudy

Saturday



16°/13°
Rain
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Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20 The winds of fate will soon blow you in a new direction. There's a few days to finish what you're working on.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 You may be at a low ebb at the moment but it won't be long before your enthusiasm for life returns.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 The more others say you need to act now, the more likely it is their motives are selfish.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 What you imagine today, will be reality tomorrow. Let your mind roam.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23 If you throw in the towel on something you find difficult, you'll regret it soon.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22 The only reason a colleague is trying to put the spotlight on your errors is because he or she doesn't want others to see his or her mistakes.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 You don't lack for ideas as to how you can improve your life and you don't lack for confidence either.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Some are saying you are aiming too high. As usual, they are wrong.

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♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Negative thoughts tend to be self-fulfilling, don't let them take root.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Listen to your instincts if they tell you that something is wrong.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 You may find it hard to get along with colleagues but just smile when they do something stupid.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 Cosmic activity in the sympathetic sign of Cancer makes it easy for you to understand why people act the way they do. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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